



CalWORKs & CAPI COLAs

The CalWORKs & CAPI grants will increase by 3.74% effective 6/1/03.

- For CalWORKs, the COLA increase is now programmed for applications; for CAPI, the increase is scheduled on 7/28/03 for applications.
- Notices will be mailed out about the COLA increase.
- As this is a retroactive COLA, supplementals payments will be issued for June, July and August in mid August for both CalWORKs & CAPI.
- The September grants will include the COLA increase.



More on "SAVE"

In the past, we informed you that if a non-citizen is unable to provide INS documentation, but has an "A" that is validated through SAVE, the non-citizen was not referred to INS. Recently, we received **State clarification that it is necessary to send the non-citizen to INS to obtain the duplicate documentation.** Once the "A" number has been validated through SAVE, the non-citizen may be aided, if otherwise eligible, pending receipt of the duplicate documentation from INS. Any questions, please call us.

True or False



A CalWORKs applicant/participant is required to petition for release of trust fund accounts.

If you answered **false**, you're right. As you know, with welfare reform, the personal property rules for CalWORKs were aligned with Food Stamps. Under EAS 63-501.3h, the applicant/participant is not required to petition for release of trust fund accounts. Once the applicant/participant provides a bank statement to verify the account is blocked, the next step is to determine if the account is inaccessible to the AU. For example, if the fund is administered by a court and is not under the direction/ownership of any AU/Non-AU member, the income is considered inaccessible.

Civil Rights Note

Did you know that on a quarterly basis, the Civil Rights and Language Services Section disseminates the Bilingual Resource Log? The Bilingual Resource Log identifies bilingual staff Department-wide that are available to provide interpretive services for non-English speaking applicants/participants when needed by district/regional offices. Please note that American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters are not included in the Bilingual Resource Log. If an applicant/participant or person who is deaf or hearing impaired requires an interpreter, the Office Head or Administrative Staff must contact Carol Walker, the Department's American with Disabilities Act Coordinator, at (213) 639-5936.

No, the State has clarified that it is not nec-

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essary to see children at intake in order to verify their existence. Instructions will be released in early August 2003.

CAPI SSI Advocates, Your Work Pays

Transitioning from CAPI to SSI has always been a top priority, but it takes on even bigger ramifications with the uncertainty of the CAPI program. This makes the job of the SSI Advocates even more important to the population they serve.

Recently, a CAPI participant called in tears, thanking us for CAPI and for helping her move on to SSI. She wanted everyone to know that she will be forever grateful. The staff with GR & CAPI Programs want to reiterate that **THANK YOU** to all CAPI SSI Advocates and their Supervisors. The Supervisors lay the foundation by demonstrating effective leadership, but none of it would be possible without the caring and dedication of our CAPI SSI Advocates. Job well done!!